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"OPEN the books" should be the demand of every tax-payer in Indianapo-

It is not "The Campbells are coming" in Ohio now, but "the Campbells are going."

If the city controller's books are a straight as he insists they are, why does he not open them?

LIFE has scarcely been worth living the past few days on the part of the Sullivan combine.

THE Democratic majority in the

Council will not be able to expunge the Superior Court decision. THE Hon. John W. Kern seems to be the only Democrat in the city who has the courage to declare that the salary

grab was a reputable transaction. THE owners of many homes, and par ticularly small ones in the growing portions of the city, will find their State tax this year double what it was last

THE silver plank of the New York Democratic platform is taken from President Harrison's Albany speech, or so much of it as declares for good, fullweight dollars.

COUNCILMAN MARTINDALE will have to plead guilty to the atrocious crime of being a young man, but there are worse things than being young. Salary-grabbing, for instance.

IF Mayor Sullivan will have it announced that he will tell the whole story of the salary-grab fiasco in his next speech patrolmen will not be necessary to drum up an audience.

A MATERIAL difference between the Indianapolis Natural-gas Company and the Consumers' Trust Company is that while Manager Pearson is trying to get out of politics President Frenzel is trying to get in.

EVERY consumer of natural gas who wishes to "conserve" it by the introduction of meters should vote for President Frenzel's friend Sullivan. A Democratic Mayor is essential to the success of the scheme.

COUNCILMAN MARTINDALE deserves the thanks of the community for having brought the salary-grab case to the test of a judicial decision, and the vote of thanks should include the lawyers who conducted the suit.

EVERY Republican candidate for Council is instructed by the convention that nominated him to vote against any increase in the ordinance rates of natural gas. Not a single Democratic candidate is so instructed.

THE gang organs will hardly succeed in making Councilman Martindale's motives a campaign issue. The public is less interested in his motives than in the fact that he was largely instrumental in "doing up" the gang.

It is not only against the public and Journal reporters that the books and accounts of the city are closed, but against Republican members of the Council. This is in keeping with the attempt to run the city as a close cor-

THE gifted City Attorney Bailey has a truly kind and sympathetic heart Drawing two salaries himself, one from the city and one from the State, he is naturally distressed when his party as sociates are prevented from grabbing a double share.

WHEN a Republican is approached with a proposition to vote for one Democrat on the ticket, just remember the scheme of Judge Ayers, which is to coax as many Republicans to scratch as possible, to the end that their ballots may

FOLLOW the string that leads to where the bulk of the Consumers' Trust Company's stock is held and you will find the origin of the movement to introduce meters and raise the price of natural gas. The success of the scheme depends on the election of Mayor Sullivan and Democratic Council.

It now appears that Minister Egan, of Chili, has been lied about, and that instead of assisting Balmaceda he advised him, long since, to make terms with his enemies. The news-makers in South America seem to possess every qualification of the anti-administration Washington correspondent.

THE difference between what the taxpayers of this city would have had to pay if the ten-per-cent. reduction asked had been granted and what they will now have to pay on a real-estate valuation of \$65,075,145, as fixed by Auditor Taggart, measures their debt of gratitude to our local Tammany ring.

\* PRESIDENT FRENZEL is a very conservative man. He is particularly anxious to "conserve" Democratic interests and natural gas. The former he would conserve by re-electing Mayor Sullivan and the latter by introducing meters. All conservative citizens who believe in that kind of conservatism should vote the straight Democratic

THE tragic death of ex-President Balmaceda furnishes a dramatic ending to a career which, up to a short time ago,

then his personal ambition has rained his career, rendered him odious, and led finally to his ignominious end. His death relieves the new Chilian government from a serious dilemma, for if they had captured him they would have been at a loss how to dispose of him. It also relieves Admiral Brown of the criticisms passed upon his conduct under the supposition that he assisted in Balmaceda's escape, there having been no foundation for that picturesque story.

### OPEN THE BOOKS.

In the presidential campaign of 188 the late Vice-president Hendricks took for the key-note of his speeches, "Open the books." Upon this text he elaborated skillfully and made an effective speech, though, as subsequently proved it had no foundation. He dwelt on the fact that public officers were servants of the people; that the latter had at all times a right not only to know the exact condition of their affairs, but to see the books for themselves: that the Republicans had been keeping things covered up and giving out partial information long enough, and that it was time to "open the books." In that case the books had never been closed, but it suited Mr. Hendricks's purpose to assume that they had, and no doubt many persons were more or less influenced by

his appeals for a turning on of the light. The present situation of municipal affairs justifies Republicans in adopting Mr. Hendricks's demand for an opening of the books. All that he said relative to the accountability of public officers to the people, and to the right of the latter to have access to public books and accounts, fits the present situation much better than it did the one to which he applied it. Then the books had not been closed, and nobody had been denied access to them. Now they have been We do not undertake to say for what motive, but it has been done. It may have been for partisan reasons, for spite, or as an exhibition of arbitrary authority. The motive is not so important as the

fact. The city's books, accounts and pay-rolls are kept under a sort of guard. and access to them has been denied not only to reporters of the press, but to two members of the Council. What any of these gentlemen wanted with the information is nobody's business. That inquiry is not to the point, and the controller had no right to raise it. As citizens and members of the Council they had a right to see the books. . The controller was appointed on account of his financial experience, his skill as an accountant and his unquestioned integrity. He has said repeatedly that his books are all right, and that he could at any time show exactly the condition of any appropriation. If this is so, why deny access to the books? Is the controller willing to put himself and his party in the position of denying public information to Republicans simply because they are Republicans? As citizens and tax-payers, Republicans have equal rights with Democrats. But if the books do not contain any facts damaging to the present administration or to the controller's party, why should he deny access to them even to Republicans? It is not enough that the controller gives out from time to time partial statements or trial balances from his books. He has no more right to say how much information the public may have than he has to say what use shall be made of it. His course savors of close corporation methods. "Open the

#### books." THE WORK OF THE FEDERATION.

The day when intelligent people object to organized labor has passed What were once regarded as scrious objections to organized labor have been found to be baseless assumptions. Indeed, the industrial progress of the world, and particularly of this country, has made organization a necessity. At a time when, by the aid of machinery, one man can do the work that three or four did years ago the reduction of the hours of labor is a necessity, to the end that there may be work for all. Competition which, without control, means the lowest wages that will insure physical existence, needs a check, to the end that the wage-earner may receive sufficient compensation to enjoy the comforts which make life worth living. Intelligent organization is necessary to secur these conditions, in connection with such legislation as will secure to people its own markets for its own labor and production.

The intelligent organization of labor, such as that which President Compers represents, has proved to be an educator. It has not only elevated its membership, but it has given to labor the steadiness and purpose of power and self-respect. Labor, under the intelligent organization of the federation, has no use for mere agitators, and it has learned to detect the cheap demagogue who would create divisions in order to obtain office. The American Federation of Labor has learned the value of such honest, intelligent and capable leadership as President Gompers and his associates have conferred. So wise has been this direction that, on questions affecting labor, the opinions of Mr. Gompers are sought by public men as the basis of legislation. Under the present anspices intelligent people have learned that the aim of organization on the part of labor is not to foment and multiply strikes, but to prevent them by harmonizing differences. Under this influence strikes are less frequent and less protracted and bitter than they were years ago, while the old-time antagonism which came to us from the old world system of master and servant is fast dying out under conditions where there is political equality, and employer and employe have learned that one's prosperity is bound up in the welfare of

Already the American Federation has accomplished much in the elevation of its membership, in reducing the hours of labor, and in promoting organization for self-protection. It yet has much to do all along the same line, which it will accomplish by appealing to the good was brilliant and successful. If Balmasense of the American people. Among corn-bread, corn-batter-cakes, mush and selections which leaders in the fed.

sense of the American people. Among corn-bread, corn-batter-cakes, mush and cars, cotton cloth and selections which leaders in the fed.

There is one consoling point for Col.

greatest men and truest patriots. Since | ing, co-operation, and other propositions by which wage-earners shall come into a larger share of the combined products of enterprise, skill, labor and capital.

#### RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SALARY-GRAB.

Nothing funnier has occurred for a long time than the Sentinel's attempt to hold the Republicans responsible for the Democratic salary-grab. The fiendishness of the plot by which innocent and unsuspecting Democratic officials were lured on to their discomfiture and downfall is only equaled by the diabolical scheme which the Sentinel has discovered to raise the price of natural gas in spite of the efforts of John P. Frenzel to keep it down.

The argument of the Sentinel is that as seven Republican members of the Council voted with eight Democrats for the ordinance, which was afterward approved by a Democratic Mayor, misconstrued by a Democratic city attorney and made use of for their own benefit by a lot of Democratic officials, therefore the Republicans are responsible for it. It is not charged that Republicans got any of the swag, but as they left it where the Democrats could get it they are morally responsible. This is about as if a horse-thief should charge the responsibility for his crime on the man who left the stable-door unlocked. The ordinance is all right on its face,

and is only illegal as relating to the present incumbents of the offices whose salaries are raised. For this construction and perversion of it Mayor Sullivan, City Attorney Bailey and the salary-grabbers themselves are responsible. The charter says distinctly that no salary shall be changed after the appointment of a person to office until his term expires. Why did not Mayor Sullivan and the city attorney inform the present incumbents that the ordinance could not and did not apply to them? Why did they, in effect, tell these officials to rush in and help themselves?

The Republicans who voted for the ordinance are responsible for the grab only in so far as they ought to have known if they left any salaries lying around loose they would be appropriated by Democratic officials, regardless of the ordinance or the charter. It was very wrong for them to leave poison food where the Democrats could get

THE people of the South have no apologies to make for the affection they bear Jefferson Davis, who fought to establish principles that George Washington had

sanctioned.-Memphis Appeal-Avalanche. Oh, no; Davis didn't fight, and the principles or heresies which he caused others to fight for were just the opposite of those for which George Washington fought and labored. The one idea of Washington was the American Republic composed of States without the power to secede. Washington had very little to say about the State, and believed that the theory of State supremacy was a snare and delusion. Jefferson Davis believed just the opposite. He was a secessionist, Washington a federalist. The Appeal-Avalanche should have some regard for historical

THE News indulges in a column of malignant comment about what it calls "the disreputable suit" brought to test the legality of the salary grab. The News is hurt by the defeat of its party friends, and tries to get even by making a personal assault on the character and motives of those who contributed to the result. The vindictive personality of the assault on Councilman Martindale, like the mendacious misrepresentation of Councilman Pearson in another column, is characteristic of a paper which preaches more about journalistic decency and practices less of it than any other paper published.

THE Indianapolis News claims that it is independent, "being," to use its own words, "the organ of neither individual, sect nor party." It was so very independent and so much opposed to acting in the capacity of organ for any party that it declared allegiance to the whole Democratic ticket before a Republican candidate had been nominated. Is there any lower depth of hypocrisy?

SomeBody has to be offered up as a sacrifice, and City Clerk Swift and the "stupid" Street Commissioner Harrold are chosen. Swift is to be boycotted for having "betrayed his party," and Harrold is to be made a burnt offering for having charged his street repairs to the wrong account. The "reformers" are in such a rage that somebody's head will have to pay the forfeit.

As to the result of the defeat of the salary-grab and the decision of the court the Sentinel says:

Our own opinion is that the net results of this enterprise of Martindale peanutism will be a gain of several hundred votes to Judge Sullivan and the entire Democratic

Of course, anybody can see the salarygrabbers have achieved a great victory.

A MAJORITY of the Council seems to be of opinion that the public records and accounts are not the sacred personal property of the officials who are temporarily in charge thereof. The councilmen who so declared last night will doubtless be denounced to-day as "disreputable" by Mr. Sullivan's afternoon

THE "boys" are severe in their criticisms of Sullivan and Bailey, who decided in their pleasing, off-hand way that the salary-grab was a legal proceeding. As one of the victims elegantly expresses it, "We have to thank them not only for letting us into the hole but for putting the lid on."

THE decision of the Superior Court in the salary-grab case is a fine commentary on the action of the Democrats in "expunging" from the Council records a resolution of inquiry regarding it.

THE Europeans who are being taught the toothsomeness of American corn preparations have a pleasing prospect opening before them. Residents of this highly-favored country can hardly realize the benighted condition of unfortunate people who have

evolved from the great staple. One thing, unhappily, they will still have to miss, and that the best of all-namely, the bliseful experience of eating corn from the cob. To enjoy that pleasure they must come here; it cannot be taken to them.

THE Illinois Legislature doubtless intended to confer upon women the right to vote for school officers in passing the following

Any woman of the age of twenty-one years and upward, belonging to either of the classes mentioned in Article 7 of the Constitution of the

State of Illinois, etc., shall be entitled to vote, The article of the State Constitution, to which the above refers, reads: Every person having resided in this State one year, in the county ninety days, and in the elecion precinct thirty days next preceding any election, therein, who was an elector in this State on the 1st day of April, in the year of our

zation before any court of record in this State prior to the 1st day of January, in the year of our Lord, 1870, or who shall be a male citizen of the United States above the age of twenty-one years, shall be entitled to vote at such election. Three classes are mentioned in this ar ticle, viz.: those who were voters April 1 1848; those who were naturalized prior to Jan. 1, 1870, and male citizens of the United States twenty-one years of age. Consequently, by a strict construction of the act only those women can vote for school officers who obtained naturalization papers prior to Jan. 1, 1870. Of this class it is not probable that there is a score in the State It is a bad blunder, but not so stupid as that of the Democratic Legislature of In-

#### BUBBLES IN THE AIR

diana in passing the tax laws it did.

Hardly a Mistake "Henry," asked Mrs. Wickwice, "is that ho rid Ouida community that used to be in New York State still in existence!"

For Obvious Reasons, "My friends," sadly remarked the minister a he pocketed the thirty-eight-cent collection, "you cannot take your money with you to the other shore. The reason for that is quite plain to me most of you will be mighty anxious to buy re turn tickets."

The Descent of Man. Man's brief and bootless journeying adown this

Reminds me of the numerals we learned in childhood's years;

He starts out filled with confidence, the race al At least to him it seems 2 be, though really scarce

With 3-sounding speech and daring deed he tries In bolder, brighter blazonry than ever man be-4

Yet soon, if 5 misjudged him not, nor estimate His world-6-soul reminds him that this life is not His 7-ly prospects seem to him in quite a shaky

And as he ponders o'er his ways, he groweth less And satur-9 becomes, and sad, concludes his day

Gives up his breath, and eke the ghost, and comes to 0 at last.

### ABOUT PEOPLE AND THINGS.

GENERAL MILES inspires respect, apar from his rank, by the fact that he is an athlete, and particularly a skillful boxer. LILIUOKALANI, the name of the Hawaiian Queen, who is said to be growing unpopular, means lily of the sky, and is pronounced as though written Lil-lie-woke-a-

KAISER WILHELM is the only one of the three emperors who reads the newspapers for himself. The Czar and the Emperor of Austria have a private journal of cuttings set up for them daily."

PROF. H. P. JUDSON, of the Minnesota State University, will not, as was proposed become the president of Swarthmore Col lege; but he is considering a \$4,000 offer to fill the chair of history in the Baptist Col-GENERAL WICHCOTE has died, aged nine

ty-seven, the last English officer who fought at Waterloo. He was born in 1794. He fagged at Rugby for Macready, the actor. He also was at the great bail at Brussels the night before the battle of Waterloo. 150 handsomely-bound Bibles to go into the

MRS. LELAND STANFORD has purchased students' rooms at the Palo Alto University. It is said, by the way, that there are one thousand more applicants this year for admission than the university can accommo-

WHILE in her retreat in Venice Carmer Sylvia, the poet-Queen of Roumania, exhibits a great fondness for gliding about the narrow canals in her gondola. She is a tall, handsome and very distinguished-looking woman, with a pale face and rather

MRS. CAROLINE S. BROOKS, of Missouri, will exhibit at Chicago, in 1893, a fulllength figure in marble of the butter model of the "Sleeping Iolanthe," which attracted wide attention at the Centennial exhibi-Mrs. Brooks has had a studio in New York, and prefers butter to clay for

THE youngest married couple in Connecticut, probably, dwell in the little country hamlet of Sterling, among the Windham county hills. They are Mr. and Mrs. C. Fenner. He is fourteen years and seven mouths old, and she is tifteen years and four months. They have been married for several months.

MRS. A. D. T. WHITNEY, the old-time author of nice little stories which were the favorite reading of the good old mothers of the present day when they were little girls, has just celebrated her sixty-eighth birthday, and can look back through a long line of literary labors, in none of which she finds one cause of regret or shame.

WHATEVER may be true as to the ruin wrought by "Chinese cheap labor" in the days when Ah Siu played that famous game of cards, the Chinese of the Eastern States are fairly well-paid workmen. Chinese laundrymen charge nearly or quite current market rates for their work, and Chinese cooks, whether in New York or in California, demand comparatively high wages.

MRS. JOHN H. R. BOND, of Chicago-formerly Miss Crisp, of England-shares with Florence Nightingale, Mrs. Grimwood and Miss Margaret Selby the honor of possessing the coveted decoration of the Royal Red Cross-sometimes called "the Victoria Cross for women." It was given to her for her courageous, self-sacrificing services as a nurse in the Zulu war and the campaign

An author does not usually have the bump of order strongly developed, so the exception in the case of Alexandre Dumas is notable. He is very orderly, and his intimate friends frequently find him in his shirt-sleeves, feather duster in hand, cleaning his study. Domas is a light eater. His first breakfast is composed solely of a glass of milk. At noon he takes his second breaktast, always a plain meal, and at 7 o'clock he dines. He is in bed by 11 and

HERBERT SPENCER is a modest; Englishman of gentle voice and almost feminine grace. For a time his books sold better in America than in England, and he is much attached to his constituency on this side of the water. He has no thought, however, of visiting this country, and doesn't think much of our new copyright law. It has not been a great while since he received a letter from a Western publisher asking how much he would take for the exclusive right to publish his "Faerie Queen" in this country. His amusement was genuine.

## The Reciprocity "Humbug."

Democrats spoke of reciprocity as "the Blaine reciprocity humbing." In June, 1890, ceda had died three years ago he would the questions which leaders in the fed- milk, fried mush, hominy, cerealine, corn- ing. tools and hardware, sewing machines, shepard. There is one consoling point for Col. Shepard. There has been no Sunday work steam engines and machinery, resin, tar. on the Grant monument.

pitch, turpentine, bacon, lard, lumber and manufactures of wood to the value of 05,699. Under the riciprocity clause of the Mckinley law the Brazilian duty on these articles was either abolished or reduced 25 per cent. As a result, in June, 1891, Brazil bought these products of us to the value of 8000,959. The increase is over 98 per cent. If this is "humbug" our Democratic friends are welcome to make the most of it.

## THE HARRISON ADMINISTRATION. Gov. Hovey Thinks the President Is Steadily

Growing in Popularity. The Evansville Standard of Sunday contained an interview with Governor Hovey. The Governor was asked as to the Republican candidacy for the presidency, and in

"In my opinion it will be either Mr. Harrison or Mr. Blaine, but Mr. Blaine will not be the nominee without the full consent of Mr. Harrison. You can rest assured, however, that there will be no misunderstanding between Harrison and Blaine'over the matter. By that I mean that whether Mr. Harrison or Mr. Blaine is the choice of the Republican convention there will be but one of the two names before the convention. Mr. Harrison and Mr. Blaine are good friends and are on the best of terms and it is my opinion that if it is Mr. Harrison's desire to be renominated Mr. Blaine will not allow his name to go before the convention. "Do you regard Mr. Blaine as a presiden-

tial candidate?" "Mr. Blaine is certainly not a candidate for the nomination at the present time, and I believe I am right when I say that I do not believe Mr. Blaine would enter the race unless Mr. Harrison declined to become a candidate for the nomination.

"You believe, then, that unless Mr. Har-rison declines to let his name go before the convention Mr. Blaine will not be a candi-"That is it. I believe that whoever gets the nomination, it will be by and with the consent of the other.'

"Do you regard Harrison as a strong can-"I certainly believe that Mr. Harrison could be re-elected. His administration has been a good one, and there is every reason why he could be elected. The real discontent that exists in the party is among the disgruntled office-seekers. The appointing power is the worst thing a man can have to deal with. There are always

more disappointed than appointed." "How do you think General Harrison tands with the Republicans of this State!" "There are several newspapers in the State that are opposed to his renomination, one of which is in this city, I understand but I believe the great majority of the Republican press is very favorable to his re-nomination. I understand that in many cases where there was some feeling of opposition in the early part of the adminis tration there is now a very apparent friendliness for the President. "Do you think Mr. Harrison is gaining in

popularity with the masses?" "He has certainly been steadily gaining strength of late, and the growth of this celing has been particularly noticeable in

A Faithful Administration. A Standard reporter also sought an interview with Hon. John W. Foster, whose mission to Spain has helped to give reciprocity to America, on the administration of President Harrison. He was very reluctant to discuss the administration, stating that he came to Evansville on purely private business, and that, owing to the peculiar relations he held with President Harrison and Mr. Blaine, anything he could say might be misconstrued or perverted by Spain my relations with the President and Secretary of State have been confidential, and I would not like to say anything, that could be construed by the friends of either as being inimical to the man of their choice. After considerable questioning, however, Colonel Foster finally gave the following

"How has President Harrison's administration impressed the country?" "No administration since the organization of the Republican party has made a better record of faithfulness to party pledges, of honestness and efficiency, of prudence and energy in its foreign policy of foresight and success in its domestic policy than that of President Harrison. No serious attempt from within the party tines has been made to assail it except in the single matter of appointments to office and these criticisms have emanated mainly from disappointed applicants and their friends. But it is a matter of very little concern to the great mass of the American people who hold the offices if they are

honestly and efficiently administered. "Some Republicans with mugwump tendencies have found fault with the President for not observing more closely the principles of civil-service reform, and I confess that I should have been myself gratified to have seen more progress in this direction; but I have had enough experience in public affairs to know something of the embarrassments which surround an executive officer in this respect, and President Harrison is entitled to the high distinction of having enforced the existing civil-service laws more strictly and having

made greater advance in this reform than any of his predecessors. "In all matters of public policy, in those things which seriously affect the interests of the people at large, the present adminis-tration is absolutely unassailable from a Republican stand-point. And there is no question that General Harrison has grown greatly in public estimation since he became President. Previous to his election he had been known to the Nation only through his single term in the Senate, and had had little opportunity of demonstrating his statesmanship. During the first year of his incumbency of the presidency he underwent the usual trials and disappointments incident to our vicious system of filling the offices, but during the past eighteen months he has proven himself to the world (it is not too high a phrase to use) a statesman of the first order. I venture the prediction that when his present term of office is concluded he will be recognized as one of the safest and ablest men who has ever

held that exalted post. "What, in your opinion, are the chances of his renomination? "If what I have stated is true there ought to be no question on this point. If he makes a record which is absolutely unassailable from a Republican stand-point the question of his nomination for a second term should be a matter for his own decision. There is only one other man in the party who could stand in his way, and he is the man to whom, in 1888, the party was ready to tender the nomination. Blaine has been a loyal and enthusiastic co-worker with the President, in his post as Secretary of State, in giving to the country this most successful administration, and there is every reason to believe this commendable barmony of action will continue to its close. Should the President decide to allow his friends to submit his name to the next Republican national convention, I confidently anticipate be will be nominated practically by acclama-

"There certainly ought to be no question as to the attitude of the Republicans of Indiana. It is the first time in our history that Indiana has ever had the honor of filling the presidential chair, and with the record General Harrison has made the Republicans of this State would dishonor themselves if they did not give him their enthusiastic support in case he should desire it."

#### To Chill's Interest. Philadelphia Inquirer.

But there is not going to be any had feel-

ng about the matter. It is to Chili's interest to be on good terms with the United States, and Chili knows it. There will be no quarrel over such an obsolete party as Balmaceda. Wall-Street Politics.

The Democratic candidate for Governor

of Ohio has lost thousands in Wall street.

The Democratic candidate for Governor of

New York has made millions by gambling in Wall street. A pretty pair of political knaves!

the stump in Ohio.

Poor Outlook. New York Commercial Advertiser. Young Mr. Thurman, who made such a dismal failure of his attempt to institute a base-ball millennium, is about to tackle The bancombe platform of the New York | the job of answering Schator Sherman on

WOOLLEN'S PRIZE PUZZLE

The Controller's Annual Report in the Shape of "Faces of the Ledger."

His Elegant System of Book-Keeping Too Deep for Expert Accountants-None of the Desired Detailed Information Given.

Last evening the annual report of the

controller, upon which that official and his deputy, with clerks of various other departments, have been working for two or three weeks, was laid upon the desk of each Councilman in printed form. There is nothing in the report that should have delayed it, as it is simply a copy of the face of the ledger, a bond statement and a report of appraisers published three months ago. If, as is claimed, a complete and accurate balance is taken off these books every Saturday night there is no reason why this report should not have gone to the printer Monday, Sept. 6. The Councilmen who have been denied access to the books naturally supposed that before being expected to vote upon the annual appropriation ordinance they would be given a detailed statement from which they could gather some information. They would like to know, for instance, how, with a balance of something over \$3,000 in the street commissioner's pay rolls fund on Aug. 1, street commissioner's pay-rolls amounting to over \$4,000 could be paid up to Sept. 4 and still leave over \$800 in the fund on that date. There were many things of this sort that the councilmen hoped to find out all about from this report, but it gives no information upon such points. It opens with this statement, covering the time from March 9 to Aug. 31 both days inclusive:

#### Total amount of receipts......\$483,835.96 Total amount of warrants redeemed 452,581.75 Balance...... \$31,254.21 Warrants. Amount of warrants registered ..... \$440,217.14 Amount of these warrants outstanding...... \$19,199.22 Amount of eash in treasury...... \$31,254.21 Amount of warrants outstanding... 19,199.22 Cash available...... \$12,054.99

A CHINESE PUZZLE. Then follows "a copy of the face of the ledger at the close of the fractional year. with a debtor column, a credit column, "debtor balance" column and a "credi balance" column. This is the same table that was published in the Sentinel Sept 14, which has since driven half a dozen book-keepers to the verge of insanity in their efforts "to get head or tail of it." In this the controller has debited himself with lump appropriations of \$578,685.50 and credited himself with expenditures of \$440,217.14, leaving a "debtor balance" of \$138,441.36. Then he credits himself with each specific appropriation and debits him self with the expenditures from them, placing the differences in the "credit balance" column. In a line on "city revenue" he debits himself with \$541.70 and credits himself with \$337,979.88. Nobody knows just what this means, but it must be all right. Then he credits himself with all the miscellaneous receipts and again trans fers them to the "credit balance" column Then he debits himself with the treasurer's receipts and credits himself with the treasurer's expenditures. Then just below he credits himself with the redeemed warrants. His totals are these:

A diagram should have been furnished with this face of the ledger. Of course the receipts and expenditures during these six months have not been anything like \$4.876. 980.16. The same receipts and the same expenditures appear over and over again in the same column. The advance sheets of this report were shown to several expert accountants and book-keepers yesterday and none could understand it. To the councilmen, Democrats and Republicans alike, thet "face of the ledger" was worse than a Chinese puzzle. When the Sentinel published this tabulated statement Sept 14. it added:

As soon as it can be prepared Mr. Woollen will ubmit to the Council a statement much fuller in detail than the above. He did nothing of the kind. After this 'face of the ledger" table the report says

the above accounts have been closed as

follows" and gives the "closing account," in which it is plain that "or" means receipts and "dr" expenditures. It is as follows: City revenue.....\$337,438.18 Auction license..... Approved plats..... ontroller's fees..... Dog license..... Express license..... Huckster license..... Liquer license..... Market master's fees..... Peddler license ..... Tapping sewers..... Toulinson Hall rents..... Exposition license..... Dray license ..... Fines and fees..... Benefits..... Police receipts..... Tomlinson estate.....

Coal license..... lectric light receipts..... Street improvement, College ave .... Pay patients City Hospital ...... Trust funds ..... Total ......\$483,294.20 Old warrants redeemed..........\$ 31,022.13 Warrants redeemed...... 421,017.92 Balance ...... 31,254.21 Total ......\$483,294.26 ANOTHER FACE OF THE LEDGER.

Then follows "a copy of the face of the ledger after the accounts have been closed. This has but two columns. In it he charges himself with \$138,441.36 of unexpended appropriations, and against this credits himself with the same amount as divided into funds. He charges himself with \$31,254.21 of "John Osterman, treasurer," and credits himself with a like amount as a "closing account." Then he charges himself with the following: City of Indianapolis, \$722,-600; real estate, \$676,700; Belt ratiroad bonds, \$500,000; bills receivable, \$6,200. Against these he credits himself with the bonded debt of \$1,905,500, thus making his balance in each column \$2,075,195,57. This table is followed by the ensuing statement of unredeemed registered warrants and treasurer's account: Amounts outstanding Jan. 1, 1891,

as reported by city clerk .... mount registered by the city clerk, including March 7, 1891...... 126,285.59 Amount registered by the controller from March 9, 1891, to Aug. 31, 1891, inclusive..... Amount of warrants redeemed from

Jan. 1, 1891, to March 7, 1891.....\$105,278.70

mount of warrants redeemed from March 9, 1891, to Aug. 31, 1891 ... 452,040.05 \$557,318.75 Total amount outstanding ...... \$19,499.56 mount of warrants outstanding registered by city controller ..... \$19,199,22 mount of warrants outstanding registered by clerk.....

John Osterman, Treasurer, Dr. Amount in treasury Jan. 1, 1891, as per report of city clerk ...... iscellaneous receipts from Jan. 1, 1891, to March 7, 1891, inclusive. For temporary loans, from Jan. 1, 1891, to March 7, 1891, inclusive. Receipts from March 9, 1891, to Aug. 31, 1891, as per this report......

John Osterman, Treasurer, Cr. Amount of warrants redeemed from Jan. 1, 1891, to March 7, 1891, inclusive, as per report of city clerk \$105,278.90 mount of warrants redeemed from March 9, 1891, to Aug. 31, 1891, inclusive ..... 462,040.05

\$567,318.95 Balance in treasury Aug. 31, 1891 \$31,254.21 This is followed by the usual tabulated bonded debt and interest conpon statements, and then the report suddenly ends with the following statement of property . owned by the city, which Mr. Woollen considers its "assets:

Two notes of Jennie Lehman for \$3,100 each, with 6 per cent. interest per annum, dated Sept. 6, 1890, due Sept. 6, 1891, and Sept. 6, 1892 Five hundred bonds of the U. R. R \$6,200.00 T. & S. Y. Co., numbered from 1

to 500 inclusive, for \$1,000 each. 500,000.00 Real estate, as per report hereto \$1,182,900.00 This is all there is of that wonderful report which was to show in detail all the transactions of the city since March 9. It is of precisely as much value to the Council and to the general public as so much blank paper. Appended to it is the report of the appraisers of the city real estate

published some months ago.

Appropriation Ordinance. The annual appropriation ordinance, as published by the Journal yesterday morning, was introduced into the Conneil last night. It was called up on second reading and Coy moved a suspension of the rules to pass it. Mr. Trusier objected. "The charter," said he, "requires us to appropriate specifically so much for the salary of each officer. In this ordinance the salaries are appropriated in a lump. That's how they came to bring in that extra clerk. As it stands the ordinance is not in legal shape nor in proper shape, for we ought to know what we are voting this money for. I therefore object to it." That settled it for one night, but the Democrats at once called a special meeting to pass it to-night.

The Democrat's Lament, A Democratic candi late was walking to and fro, He wring his hands and wiped his eyes As one who grief did know. And cown his cheeks the scalding tears Were tifell non a low.

B o loo, too hee, boo hoo. "Now, why this gruesome show of grief." passing stranger said. "Hast lest a wife, or has some thie! Stole a'l your wealth and fled.

Or else what are you weeping for!" Boo-hoo, boo-hoo, boo-hoo. And when the candidate could speak He said: "Boo-hoo, boo-hoo Those naughty, bad Republicans I'll now confide to you.

They brought me to this awful pass, Boo-hoo, boo-hoo, boo-hoo, "I think they set a trap for us, 'm sure we found the bait; 'Twas sugared o'er with salary-grab.

And, boo-hoo, we cou'dn't wait; Boo-hoo, boo-hoo, boo-hoo, "They watched us while we swallowed it, Boo-hoo, boo-hoo, boo-hoo; When all at once the judges said That that would never do. And we would have to throw it up,

Boo-hoo, boo-hoo, boo-hoo, 'And so we all threw up the bait, But that is not the worst: Those naughty, bad Republicans Just laughed as though they'd burst 'Tis just like them to set a trap For nuocents like us. And then when we gulp down the bait To try and raise a fuss. Boo-hoo, boo-hoo, boo-hoo,"

# STORY OF A RUSSIAN BANKER

Arrested Without Cause, Released Whileon the

Way to Prison and Escaped to America. Boston, Sept. 21 .- Noril Iarovitz, who claims that up to a few months ago he was wealthy banker in St. Petersburg, is in Boston destitute and in exile, owing, he aleges, to the tyranny of the Russian government. He says that on a certain night, while giving a party to his friends, his house was entered by gen-darmes and himself and all his friends arrested on a charge of being Nihilist and holding a Nihilist meeting. His son escaped by jumping through a winlow. The arrest was made on faise testimony offered by an enemy of larovitz. He was given a trial, which he describes as a farce, and sentenced to five years' imprisonment. When he, with a number of other prisoners, arrived at Kakoost the escort was attacked by a body of Nihilists led by his son, and the prisoners were rescued. He managed to cross the border and, after innumerable hardships, succeeded in reaching Liverpool. The son is in a hospital at Hamburg. The elder larovitz will be sent to Chicago by the Jewish Nihilist society.

## HELD UP IN A HOTEL

Clerk, Bartender and Safe Robbed by Masked Men-Guests Covered with a Revolver.

St. Joseph, Mo., Sept. 21.-At 2:30 o'clock this morning, three strange men, with silk handkerchiefs over their faces, walked into the office of the Pacific Hotel, the leading hotel in the city, and drawing large revolvers ordered the clerk throw up his hands. A number of guests who were in the office were marched to chairs, where they were guarded by one of the robbers with a revolver in each hand. The clerk was made to unlock the safe and two boxes, containing \$800 in cash and valuables were taken. The bartender, who happened in, was relieved of a diamond stud and \$50 in money. The men then coolly walked out. The police have as

yet no clew to the robbers. Mexico Able to Cope with Discontented CHICAGO, Sept. 21 .- Richard Guenther, consul-general to Mexico, reached here this morning on his way from his Wisconsin home, where he has been enjoying a well-earned vacation, to the Mexican capi-tal. "In my opinion," he said, "the present disturbance in Mexico is indicative of nothing more serious than the doings of a small faction that is always dissatisfied and this so called revolution will be shortlived. It used to be when the railroad

and telegraph were not established that

revolutions could gain some momentum be-

fore the government was aware of it,

Now, however, the government is able to cope with any uprising as soon as it is Disappearance of a Wealthy Widow. CHICAGO, Sept. 21 .- Mrs. Dell Rathbun, a wealthy widow, residing in Buffalo, N. Y., mysteriously disappeared from the home of Dr. William H. Buck, of Hyde Park, jast night. The woman was of extreme nervous temperament and of late, ber friends say, she borrowed trouble and they fear that in a lit of temporary insanity she has taken her life. She is the widow of C. H. Rathbun, who was a wealthy contractor and one of the foremost citizens of Buffalo. Ex-President Cleveland was a warm personal friend of Mr. Rathbun and the widow made many visits to the White House

during the last Democratic administration. Tennessee Gerrymandered. NASHVILLE, Tenn., Sept. 21 .- The extra session of the Tennessee General Assembly

adjourned to-day, after a twenty-day sitting. Outside of the passage of the apportionment bill by which the Democrats gain several additional seats in both houses, and the adoption of local laws, the session has not been fruitful of important results. convict least system and the question of arranging for the building of a new penitentiary were left in statu quo owning to the stubberness of both houses. The people generally look upon the work of the session as a failure.

Wants Her Share of the Profits. NEW YORK, Sept. 21.—Sophie Brown widow of Edward Brown, has begun suit to dissolve the firm of Brown & Pulverman, of which her husband was a member. The junior partner is also dead. The firm is probably the largest theatrical manufacturing concern in the country, doing a business of about \$400,000 per year. The suit is directed against L. Z. Finch, manager of the business, who, Mrs. Brown alleges, has assumed absolute control of affairs and refuses to give her a monthly statement or pay her her share of the profits as devised

in her husband's will.